cases of police excesses are taken serious note of and dealt with firmly wherever they occur.

Terrorism in the Country

65. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-terrorists operations in Punjab, even after the installation of a democratic Government have failed to curb terrorism which has spread in a big way to Uttar Pradesh, particularly the Tarai region and Haryana;

(b) if so, the number and other details of incidents of terrorism in U.P. and Haryana so far; and

(c) the steps taken to unearth terrorists' hide outs, and to liquidate the terrorist group in U. P. and Haryana; and the outcome thereof in terms of terrorists apprehended or killed and their hide-outs busted and arms seized from them during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Incidents of terrorism have come to notice in the State of U.P. and Haryana.

(b) and (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deaths due to Cholera in Tihar Jail

66. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some inmates of Tihar Jail died of suspected cholera recently and a number of inmates were hospitalised as a result thereof;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail grossly lacks in the basic civic amenities besides shortage of medicines; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has informed that 585 cases of suspected gastro-enterits were detected in Tihar Jail during the second fortnight of June, 1992. Two inmates have reportedly died of gastro-enteritis on 23-6-92. 114 cases were referred to Deen Dayal Upadhaya Hospital. At present, only 3 inmates are admitted in the Hospital, 23 inmates have been kept in isolation wards in Tihar Jail.

(c) There is no shortage of medicines. However, overpopulation of jail has caused strain on the water supply and other amenities.

(d) Following steps have been taken in the matter:

(i) Supply of drinking water and water for cooking has been arranged from MCD Water Tankers.

(ii) A drive has been undertaken to improve sanitation.

(iii) Disinfectants like phenyl and bleaching powder are being extensively used.

(iv) Chlorine tables are being supplied to inmates.

Sale of Arms to Militants

67. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan dated the 2nd June, 1992 regarding illegal sale of arms to militants in Punjab by the militant groups active in Jammu Valley with the help of Security officers/para military officers in the valley;

(b) whether it is a fact that security officers posted in Kashmir are earning thousands of rupees by selling arms to active militant groups in Tarai area in addition to Punjab militants;

(c) if so, the number of arms sold by militants with the help of security officers; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) to (d) Specific information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of Illegal Arms in Delhi

68. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 31st May, 1992, regarding rampant gun running in the capital with the active police connivance ;

(b) if so, the quantity and make of illegal arms seized so far from the illegal arms sellers as well as actual users, separately, during the last three years ;

(c) whether any independent enquiry has been conducted by Government to identify the racket involving the police connivance in the illegal sale of arms in various parts of the city ; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Killing of Innocent People by Using them as Human Shields in Behala, Amritsar

69. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 17th June, 92 regarding killing of persons by using them as human shields by the security forces in Behala, distt. Amritsar, while dealing with the militants ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against those found responsible for killing innocent people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Government has seen the News item.

(b) Law and order being a State subject, it is for the Government of Punjab to look into such matters and take appropriate action.

Concentration of Afghan Mujahideen on J&K Border

70. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
DR. ABRAR AHMAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports indicating that Afghan Mujahideen concentrating on J&K border with Pak army may give a fresh impetus to the militants in the Valley ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation ?